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Legislature Completes Special Session Agenda

Tallahassee, Fla. – The Florida Senate and Florida House of Representatives today successfully completed work on all issues contained within the call issued by Senate President Tom Lee and House Speaker Allan Bense including legislation in regard to Voluntary Universal Pre-K, KidCare eligibility and issues related to the natural disasters that occurred during the 2004 hurricane season.

“We not only fulfilled our first priority of establishing a high quality Voluntary Pre-K Education Program, but we also completed work on our entire list of priorities for this special session,” said President Lee. “The cooperation among the members and staff of the Senate, House, and Governor’s Office was impressive. As a result of this improved cooperation, we now have a Pre-K program that will ensure we welcome Florida’s 4-year-olds next fall with qualified teachers, a solid curriculum, and a safe learning environment.”

Speaker Bense added, “I am proud, working together, we fulfilled our responsibility to the voters of Florida by creating the high-quality Pre-K program they clearly demanded. I’m proud we were able to provide some financial relief to those affected by this year’s hurricanes and that will, hopefully, make their difficult path back to normality a bit easier. Also, I am proud that we were able to peel away a couple of layers of bureaucracy that stood in the way of parents struggling to get their children the health care they need and deserve.”

Information about the bills passed during Special Session “A,” including bill language and vote history, is available at www.flsenate.gov or www.myfloridahouse.gov.

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